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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alfred J. Jurek Post No. 1672 Department Commander Timothy S. Van Patten upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the American Legion, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a veterans' service organization which draws its membership from the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of Congressionally recognized war or armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded by members of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) who convened at Paris, France, on March 15-19, 1919; the following May, soldiers, sailors and marines representing every state met in St. Louis to ratify the action of the AEF, already endorsed by the highest military authorities, and launch the American Legion as a national organization of American veterans; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alfred J. Jurek Post No. 1672 Department Commander Timothy S. Van Patten upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on Sunday, March 10, 2013, in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, One of the fundamental aims of the American Legion was to create a fraternity based upon firm comradeship, born of war service, and dedicated to equitable treatment for all veterans, particularly the suffering and disabled, their widows and children; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Van Patten enlisted in the United States Navy Reserves in 1966; he served two tours of duty from 1968-1969 during refueling operations in the Tonkin Gulf during the Vietnam War; he was discharged from active service on October 10, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Van Patten was honorably discharged on December 12, 1972; he is a 40-year member of Alfred J. Jurek Post 1672, in East Amherst; he recently retired from the Williamsville Central School

District after 30 years of service in maintaining the athletic fields for 13 schools; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Elaine, and their children, Tim II, Brian, and Erin, as well as their three grandchildren, Samantha, Elizabeth and Russell, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Department Commander Van Patten has helped make the Alfred J. Jurek Post No. 1672 American Legion Family an organization recognized with pride throughout this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alfred J. Jurek Post No. 1672 Department Commander Timothy S. Van Patten upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Department Commander Timothy S. Van Patten, Alfred J. Jurek Post No. 1672 American Legion.